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New mural to grace wall of school campus

Watsonville Charter School of Arts students helping create painting designed by local artist

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A new campus mural designed by local artist Yermo Aranda is providing color and inspiration at the heart of Watsonville Charter School of the Arts.

Students have been working on the mural for close to a month, and it should be completed in the next few weeks, Aranda said.

Seventh- and eighth-grade students helped Aranda sketch the Pajaro Valley theme onto the wall and everyone from kindergarten students to eighth-graders will help fill the sketch with colors.

The mural depicts the different modes of education in the Pajaro Valley, from reading to learning music and planting and respecting the environment. The project is also about the Ohlone Indian spirit, Aranda said.

Fifth-grade student Nichelle Solozano said she was learning a lot about art from working on the mural.

"I'm learning how to mix the colors and paint over," she said. "It's difficult, but it's fun, too."

Muralist Yermo Aranda (left) helps fifth-grade student Yvonne Leonore with the finer points of mural painting at the Watsonville Charter School of Arts.

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